HESSERGHATTA WATER-SUPPLY DIVISION.

Notice is hereby given that sealed tenders will be received at the Executive Engineer's office, Hessarghatta Water-supply Division, up to 2 P. M. of the 20th September 1897, for supplying 2,600 tons of Casuarina fuel at the Pumping Station at Saldevanhalli near Chikbanawar, Nelamangala taluk, as per specification noted in para 8.

2. Tenders should be submitted on printed forms which may be obtained from the Executive Engineer.

3. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of rupees five hundred in cash or in Government Promissory Notes, as earnest money, and be superscribed "Tender for supplying Casuarina fuel to the Pumping Station at Saldevanhalli;" in default of which, tenders will be rejected.

4. The final acceptance of any tender will rest with the Chief Engineer, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender, or to assign any reason whatever for the rejection of any tender.

5. Within eight days of the acceptance of the tender, the successful competitor will be required to execute the usual contract bond; in default of which, his tender will be considered cancelled and his earnest money will be forfeited.

6. The name of the successful competitor, whose tender has been accepted, will be posted on the notice board in the Executive Engineer's office in due course. No enquiries regarding the acceptance or rejection of tender will receive any reply.

7. On acceptance of one of the tenders the earnest money on rejected tenders will be returned.

8. SPECIFICATION—

The wood to be solely Casuarina and to be in straight lengths.

The maximum and minimum dimentions which will be accepted are given below:—

	LENGTH.		THICKNESS.	
	Maximum.	*Minimum.*	*Maximum.*	*Minimum.*
Running wood ..	.. 24″	18″	8″	3″
Lighting wood .	.. 24″	12″	3″	1½″

One per cent of the quantity supplied may be of the dimensions specified for lighting wood, the remainder being of the dimensions specified for running wood. The billets are to be sawn to lengths, not chopped.

The wood to be stacked by the Contractor in the portions approved by the Executive Engineer or his representatives. Lighting and running wood to be stacked separately. Stacks must be of rectangular shape, the sides being vertical and straight and the tops level; the wood must be laid evenly straight and close; the pieces composing the walls must be laid evenly straight and close; the pieces composing the walls must be laid at right angles to the direction of such walls having first been sawn to an uniform length; the interior of the stacks must be packed as closely as possible, the pieces being regularly laid with their lengths all in one direction.

The stacks to be built of such dimensions that the cubical measurements of each is a multiple of 68 tons.

17 feet by 8 feet by 5 feet = 680 C. feet = 10 tons.
17 do 16 do 5 feet = 1,360 C. feet = 20 tons.
34 do 20 do 5 feet = 3,400 C. feet = 50 tons.

Sixty-eight cubic feet of closely stacked wood will be accepted as equivalent to one ton.

The Executive Engineer or his representatives will inspect the wood as it is being stacked and shall have power to reject any pieces that are hollow, rotten, crooked or otherwise unsuitable for fuel for engines; he will also satisfy himself that the pieces are in accordance with the dimensions specified above, and that the stacks are built as required; he shall also have power to reject any stacks which do not in all respect comply with the terms of this specification.

The wood must be at the risk of the contractor until it is stacked, approved, measured and accepted by the Executive Engineer or his representatives.

When stacks are taken over the Contractor or his representative must be present during the measurement and must sign the record of measurement made by the Executive Engineer or his representatives in token of his agreement to the correctness thereof.

The quantity required is 2,600 tons of which 600 tons should be delivered by 31st December 1897, and the remainder at the rate of 200 tons per month from 1st January 1898.

Payments will be made monthly for all wood taken over by the Engineer in charge; a reserve of 5 per cent being, however, withheld on all bills as guarantee for fulfilment of contract.

Should the contractor fail to deliver the wood as above stated, he will be liable to a fine of Rs. 2 per ton for each ton his delivery may be short of the above mentioned quantity, or to cancelment of his contract or both, with loss of security deposit and of full amount of reserve withheld as guarantee fund.

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